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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO ATTEND ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

PHOENIX (Tuesday, June 27, 2006) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne today will attend the Roosevelt School District Board at 6:00 p.m. to express appreciation that the Roosevelt School Board took his advice to give the new Roosevelt Superintendent total control over hiring and firing. Horne recommended this last December because nine of their 20 schools are "Underperforming" one is "Failing" and five have had difficulty implementing the Department's Reading First Initiative.

Horne states: "Political interference with the hiring and firing in the past interfered with maintaining the best instructional leaders as principals, and the best educators as teachers and administrators. Making personnel decisions as professional rather than political decisions is an absolute precondition to academic progress for the students. I am very gratified that Roosevelt is taking my advice, and making this historic change in the governance of this important district and its 20 schools."

**WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO ATTEND ROOSEVELT
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE: ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE
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